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OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTT

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1960

HELD WITH

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18

OFFICERS

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator

BROTHER MELVIN MILLS, Clerk

BROTHER OREN N. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1960

The One Hundred Twenty-Eights Annual Session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association met with Pleasant Grove Church, Union County, North Carolina, Friday, September 16, 1960, and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters and friends met in the house about 10 o'clock A. M. and engaged in songs of praise followed with prayer by Elder J. A. Monees, Ellenwood, Georgia, with introductory sermon by Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, using as his text 2nd Timothy 3:1-13.

Following the introductory discourse about one hour was taken for refreshments after which the Association met in the house and engaged in song service followed with prayer by Elder A. D. Wood, Glen Rose, Texas.

Pleasant Grove Church with Ministers, Messengers and Brethren composing the Association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church served as Moderator and Brother Melvin Mills, Clerk of Pleasant Grove Church served as clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seats with us: All present seated.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing this association which were handed in, read, and their status noted.

Pleasant Grove: Represented by full membership.

Union Grove: Brethren Otto Outen, Carl Haigler, Joe Baucom and Broadus Honeycutt.

Lawyers Spring: Brethren Wilson Greene, Graydan Helms, Tommy Horne and Walter Hasty.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Charlie Vanhoy, Bruce Baucom, Baldy Ellis and Joe Edwards.

High Point: Brethren Coleman Auman, Worth Motsinger, Raymond Clark and Elder V. V. Willard.

Meadow Creek: Brethren Verlon Corbitt, N. D. Hathcock, F. P. Eudy and Adam Almond.

Watson: Brethren Winfred Simpson, Douglas Williams, Preston L. Helms and Jethro Helms.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren G. L. Auman, Rankin Richardson, Huston Cox and P. R. King.

High Hill: Brethren Robert Pressley, Howard Ewards, Dock Helms and Carl Edwards.

Mills Chapel: Brethren J. Monroe McClendon, L. W. Jones, Howard Little and Warren Griffin.

Bethel: Brethren W. C. Benton, J. R. Mintz, A. D. McLamb and R. O. Lewis.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, V. H. Solomon, Floyd Hawks Jr. and Lee Robinson.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Jesse Tarlton and W. J. Warren.

Corinth: Brethren Walter Peterson, Boyce Sprouse and Marvin Styers.

Herrings Grove: Brethren J. M. Moyle, J. L. Lewis, D. M. Harkey and W. B. Hatley.

Park View: Brethren W. H. Minter, C. L. Parnell, Reid Venable and John Draper.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Hobart Medlin, J Z. Little, Floyd Honeycutt and Fletcher Smith.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None handed in.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Melvin Mills, Ellis Honeycutt, Nonas Hathcock, Rankin Richardson, Claud Parnell and Elder H. L. Poplin.

Committee on finance: Brethren A. E. Broome, Frank Medlin, Orlin Stewart, Howard Edwards and Elder E. H. Simpson.

5: Called for Presbyteries to report: In response to a call from Lawyers Springs Church, for ordained help, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbtery, October 31, 1959, and ordained Brother Joe C. Helms to the full work of the gospel ministry: Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, E. Hoyle Simpson, Homer L. Poplin and Brice C. Haigler. Deacons C. C. Willard, W. A. Drye, Max Stewart, Graydan Helms, Orlin Stewart, F. L. Honeycutt, N. D. Hathcock, F. P. Eudy, Frank Medlin, Charlie Vanhoy, John Almond, J. H. Gaddy, H. L. Willard, Kemp Walker, C. W. Griffin, Melvin Mills, T. B. Curlee, Roy Hardy, Rankin Richardson, Elsie Auman, F. Latta Baucom, Sanford Medlin, Lloyd E. Outen, T. B. Polk, J. Troy Simpson, Fulton Helms, W. B. Simpson, J. B. Whitley and M. C. Campbell.

In response to a call from Herrings Grove Church for ordained help the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery, July 3, 1960, and ordained Brethren Jack Moyle and F. M. Harkey to the office of Deacon: Elders C. M. Mills, C. L. Ratcliff, E. Hoyle Simpson and Brice C. Haigler. Deacons: Graydan Helms, E. F. Lambert, C. C. Furr, N. D. Hathcock, F. P. Eudy, Frank Medlin, Charlie Vanhoy, John Almond, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Curlee, Roy Hardy, L. E. Outen, Leonard Baucom, Winfred Simpson, Virgil Solomon, Floyd Hawks and T. B. Polk.

6: Invited visitors from corresponding Associations to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Elder H. C. McMillon, Brother T. J. Anderson and wife, R. G. Chason and wife, and others.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. T. Lewis, Henry R. Byrd, J. S. Collins and Derle McGee. Brother Freddie Giles and wife, Brother Buck Honeycutt and wife, Brethren J. Milton Byrd, J. D. Stancil, R. D. Woodard, R. H. Clifton and others.

Original Towaliga: Elder Elzie D. Speir.

Little River of Georgia: Elder M. M. Morton and wife, Elder W. S. Kelly and wife, Cleone Kelly, and Lic. Calvin King.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monses, Brother Elmer Wilkenson and wife.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder David J. Hembree.

Powells Valley: No Representation reported.

Mount Zion: Elder Guy Hunt and wife, Elder O. C. Oden, Brethren Carl H. Blackwood and Edwin Blackwood.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Associations and Churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence, to seats with us:

Mississippi River Association: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife and Bobby Sammons.

Mt. Enon of Fla.: Elder T. R. Crawford and Brothter Bill Outen.

Bosque of Texas: Elder A. D. Wood and wife.

Cincinnati Church, Cincinnatti, Ohio: Elder Lassere Bradley and Brother David Bradley and wife.

Echeconnee Association of Georgia: Brother L. C. Nowell and wife, Sisters Mary Tyner and Willie Phillips.

Claibourne Street Church, Danville, Va.; Sisters Betty Lundsford, Sally Canady, Mary Dickerson, Hattie Dobbs, Bernice Hanly, Ozelle Nobbett, Brother J. S. Lawrence and wife, Brother C. E. Bray and wife.

Original Oconee of Georgia: Brother Radford Chandler, Sisters Fred P. Prather and Linda Prather.

Tallahatchie Association: Sister John King.

Old Mill Church, Virginia: Sisters Rosie, Etta and Margaret Jennings.

New River Association: Elder C. F. Martin and wife, Lic. Alvin Puckett and wife, Brethren Miles S. Harris, Leo Henley, Brother Roy Chappell and wife, Sisters Linda Mae Harris and Pocohontas Simpkins and others.

Martinsville Church, Virginia: N. L. Wilson and wife and children, Brother Andrew Ashby, Sisters Joe Minter and Josie Pace.

New Hope Church, Columbia, S. C., Brother M. C. Campbell and wife and Sister Eugena Campbell.

Union Association of Georgia: Brother Billy Baron.

8. Appointed Messengers to visit corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders P. H. Young, E. H. Simpson and V. V. Willard.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders Brice C. Haigler, E. H. Simpson, Brethren Carl Haigler, E. C. Myers and W. B. Simpson.

Original Towaliga: Elders Joe C. Helms and H. L. Poplin.

Little River of Georgia: Elders Brice C. Haigler and E. H. Simpson, Brethren W. B. Simpson and Ellis Honeycutt.

Friendship of Georgia: Elders Joe C. Helms and V. V. Willard.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder E. H. Simpson, Brethren W. B. Simpson and T. B. Polk.

Powells Valley: Elder D. B. Willard.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elders C. M. Mills and Brice C. Haigler. with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

9. On motion unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with al lchurches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder C. Ratcliff was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of The Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by: Elder V. V. Willard.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1960

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at 9 o'clock a. m. After songs of praise and prayer by Lic. Calvin King, 1036 Gilbert Street, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, continued with business as follows:

1. Call on Finance committee to report:

Handed in by churches	$871.00
Contributed by friends	46.00
Total Contributions	$917.00

13. On motion agreed to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter which was handed in, read and adopted.

15. Extended invitation to the churches of the Association to call for fifth Sunday meetings:

October 1960	Oak Grove
January 1961	Meadow Creek
April 1961	Mills Chapel
July 1961	Bethel

16. On motion it was agreed to hold the 1961 session of The Original Bear Creek Association with the church at Union Grove, Union County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1961, and continuing through Saturday and Sunday following, and that the pastor of Union Grove Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion it was unanimously agreed thtat we have 1300 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distrigution, and that he be allowed $125.00 for printing, mailing and clerk service.

18. Motion carried unanimously to distribute all funds above that allowed for printing, mailing and clerk service to Ministers present and such other expenses as the Finance committee may deem proper.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that this Association return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Pleasant Grove Church, and the community for their kind hospitality shown us during this association. May God's blessings be with each and every one of you, is our prayer.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Benediction by: Elder D. B. Willard.
Elder C. M. Mills, Moderator
Brother Melvin Mills, Clerk
Brother Oren N. Baucom, Assistant Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$871.00
Received from friends	46.00
Total	$917.00

EXPENDITURES

Printing, Mailing and Clerk Service	$125.00
Distributed to Ministers	$792.00
Total	$917.00

ORDER OF REACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder C M. Mills. Text: 2nd Timothy 3:1-13

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder Henry H. Byrd. Text: Romans 40:1-3
Elder J. T. Lewis. Text: Ephesians 2:4-9

FRIDAY NIGHT
Meadow Creek

Elder Larrerrie Bradley, Jr. Text: Psalms 71:9
Lic. Alvin Puckett. Text: Genesis 3:7

FRIDAY NIGHT
Pleasant Grove

Elder W. S. Kelly. Failed to get Text.
Elder T. R. Crawford. Failed to get Text.

FRIDAY NIGHT
Union Grove

Elder Guy Hunt. Text: Ephesians 2:20
Elder M. M. Morton. Text: John 3:16

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder J. A. Monsees. Text: Revelation 12:1-6
Elder E. D. Spier. Text: Jude 2:20
Elder Lasserre Bradley, Jr. Text: Solomon 1:7-8

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder H. C. McMillon. No Special Text.
Elder C. F. Martin. Text: Galatians 5:6
Elder David J. Hembree. Text: "The Lord's Prayer." John 17:

SATURDAY NIGHT
Pleasant Grove

Elder O. C. Oden. Text: Deuternomy 3:1
Elder Guy Hunt. Text: Jeremiah 2:

SATURDAY NIGHT
Union Grove

Elder A. D. McGee. Text: Hebrews 10:1-6
Elder Wiley Sammons. Text: Colossians 3:1-2

SATURDAY NIGHT
Lawyers Springs

Elder A. D. Wood. Text: Revelation 22:1-3

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder J. S. Collins. Text: 2nd Peter 1:5-8
Elder Wiley Sammons. Text: Romans 1:16-17
Elder M. M. Morton. Text: Isaiah 55:

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder A. D. Wood. Text: Deuteronomy 32:4-5

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Route 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Route 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.
Elder Brice C Haigler, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Harlan Price, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.
Brother F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder H. C. McMillon, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder T. R. Crawford, Orlando, Florida.
Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tenn.
Elder Lasserre Bradley, Jr., 13 East Mitchell Ave., Cincinnatti 17, Ohio
Elder Elzie D. Speir, Conley, Georgia.
Elder A. D. Wood, Glen Rose, Texas.
Elder Guy Hunt, Route 2, Holly Pond, Alabama
Elder W. S. Kelly, Alpharetta, Georgia.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Box 35, Ellenwood, Georgia.
Elder M. M. Morton, Route 8, Smyrna, Georgia.
Elder David J. Hembree, 1804 Young Drive, Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Coats, N. C.
Elder Henry Byrd, Benson, N. C.
Elder O. C. Oden, 125 Walker Drive, Attalla, Ala.
Elder J. S. Collins, Route 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder C. F. Martin, 103 Oak Street, Galax, Va.
Elder A. D. McGee, Pearsell Street, Dunn, N. C.
Lic. Alvin Puckett, Meadow of Dan, Va.
Lic. Calvin King, 1036 Gilbert Street, SE, Atlanta, Ga.

IN MEMORIAM

Precious is the memory of our dear Brethren and Sisters who have passed away since our last association and whose name and home churches appear below.

"We shall sleep, but not forever,
There will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part, no never,
On the resurrection morn."

Pleasant Grove: Sister Hessie Griffin, Brother J. M. Taylor

Union Grove: Brother Dallas Foard

High Point: Sister D. S. Blake

Meadow Creek: Sister Elsie Hathcock

Watson: Sister Della Webber; Brother David Clontz

Pleasant Hill: Brethren A. F. Nance and J. M. Scott

High Hill: Brother George Helms

Mills Chapel: Sister Eva Rutledge

Bethel: Sister Susan McCrennie Myears

Union: Sister Mary Heath

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Christian Greetings to the mesengers, ministers and corresponding brethren and friends who have been blessed to again assemble in another session of the Original Bear Creek Association.

Through the providential watchcare and preserving Grace of God, we, who were "sometimes darkness," but now humbly trusting that through the tetnder mercies of our Lord we are "light in the Lord," are permittetd to greet one another in love and sweet fellowship. We deeply appreciate the presence of all of you, but especially those of like precious faith who are endeavoring to keep the order and ordinances of God's house as they have been delivered unto us in His Kingdom. May we all always have the guidance of the unerring Spirit and be endued with love and zeal for the Cause of Christ that we may never have any other gods before us but the true and living God. May we put aside all selfish desires and striving to please men and earnestly seek to ascertain the will of God, and pray for grace and courage to do that which would be acceptable unto Him, that we may always be found walking as "children of light," and remove from Zion that which causes confusion and strife to enable us to walk together in peace and love, and be faithful in the things that God has committed to our trust.

May Heaven's richest blessings rest upon this meeting and abide with all His children everywhere.

With love for Zion, unworthtily yours,
Elder C. L. Ratcliff

CLERK'S NOTE

The One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth annual session of the Original Bear Creek Association will be held, the Lord willing, with Union Grove Primitive Baptist Church, located about four and one half miles North of Monroe, North Carolina on Route 200, on Friday, Saturday and the Third Sunday in September, 1961.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose HIS Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Artirle 6. We believe in the doctrine fo original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordnances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteousness eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st: We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd: That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd: This Association hall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th: Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th: The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday Meetings	Contributions
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Drive, Charlotte, N. C.	9					1	1	151	2	104.00
Lawyers Springs	Elder V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.						1		88	1	60.00
Mountain Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.	4							49	3	50.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, 1615 Granite Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.	8	1			2	1		139	4	110.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	N. D. Hathcock, Route 2, Stanfield, N. C.	3						1	68	1	75.00
Watson	Elder C. L. Ratcliff	Preston L. Helms, Route 3, Marshville, N. C					1	1	2	42	4	40.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Route 1, Star, N. C.							2	47	3	60.00
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	M. C. Mills, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.	1					1	1	66	1	50.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	Warren W. Griffin, 309 Caldwell St.., Kannapolis, N. C.						2	1	46	2	51.00
Bethel	Elder D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, S. C.						2	1	63	4	35.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Route 2, Gastonia, N. C.	3				2		1	38	1	40.00
Oak Grove	Elder H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Route 1, Chesterfield, S. C.	1							11	4	5.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, Gen. Del., Kings Mtn., N. C.	1							16	3	10.00
Herrings Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis, Route 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4							18	4	20.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	C. L. Parnell, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	7		5					51	3	51.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	Ellis Honeycutt, Route 1, Oakboro, N. C.	5					1		101	1	50.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	Melvin Mills, Route 3, Marshville, N. C.	7						2	60	2	60.00
		Donated by Friends										46.00
		TOTALS	53	1	5		5	9	13	1054		917.00